Demand and Production of Zinc

230. SHRI G.A. CHARAN REDDY : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether any target has been set up by the working group on zinc and lead to meet the domestic demand for the next five years;

(b) whether the Hindustan Zinc Ltd. has decided to expand its production by 10,000 tonnes at Debari and Visakhapatnam;

(c) whether it is also planning a new 60,000 to 1,00,000 tonnes zinc super smelter which will be ready within 5 to 6 years;

(d) whether the demand of zinc is expected to be 286,000 tonnes by 2002;

(e) if so, the total production of zinc in the country at present; and

(f) the detail of annual demand and supply ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) The working Group set up by the Planning Commission has projected the domestic demand for zinc and lead for the next five years.

(b) Hindustan Zinc Limited (HZL) has planned to expand the Debari and Visakhapatnam zinc smelting capacities by 10,000 tonnes each.

(c) Yes,Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The total production of zinc through the primary route in the country during 1996-97 has been 1,40,148 Tonnes.

(f) The demand of zinc for the year 1997-98 estimated by the working Group is 2,26,500 Tonnes. The demand for the zinc metal can be met by domestic production, both through primary and secondary routes and by imports.

Loans for Housing Scheme

231. SHRI L. RAMANA : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have made any arrangements to provide loan for house constructions at concessional rates;

(b) if so, the amount of loan provided during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) the number of complaints received by the Government with regard to housing loans during the above period; and

(d) the action taken by the Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G.VENKATARAMAN) : (a) Government does not provide loans for house construction. However, Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) provides loans for EWS and LIG category housing schemes at concessional rates of interest.

(b) The amount of loan sanctioned by HUDCO for EWS & LIG housing during the last three years i.e. 1994-95,1995-96 & 1996-97, State-wise is attached as Statement.

(c) Government have not received any complaint from the borrowing agencies of HUDCO in regard to sanction and disbursement of loans.

(d) Does not arise.

Statement

Stete-Wise/Year-Wise Housing details for Priotity sector for ESW/LIG

(Rupees in Crores)

State	1994-95 Loan Amt.	1995-96 Loan Amt.	1996-97 Loan Amt.
1	2	3	4
Andhra Pradesh	34.59	38.33	112.74
Assam	6.51	27.09	11.85
Bihar	4.85	19.42	24.52
Delhi	—	—	—
Goa	2.20	—	—
Gujarat	22.82	10.82	37.61
Himachal Pradesh	0.91	20.00	10.20
Haryana	13.01	39.73	10.50
Jammu & Kashmir	—	2.36	0.37
Kerala	48.49	70.48	125.60
Karnataka	45.19	32.21	52.98
Meghalaya	11.06	—	—
Maharashtra	33.27	8.36	5.15